## **Stafford County**

- Largest locality in the Commonwealth not to have BPOL.
- ▶ 40% population growth in last 10 years.
- From 2007-2012 Stafford County was 5<sup>th</sup> in the Commonwealth in at-place employment job growth.
- Stafford boasts the 5<sup>th</sup> highest median income in Commonwealth and top 20 in the nation.

### **BPOL Timeline**

2008 Board of Supervisors approves BPOL

▶ 1/1/2010 BPOL becomes effective

▶ 2/3/2010 BPOL is eliminated.

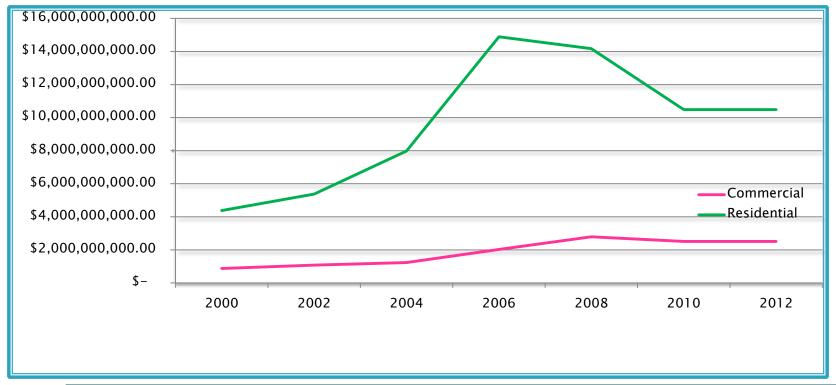
## BPOL debate (Pro-BPOL)

- Businesses were not paying their "fair share"
- By being the only locality in the Fredericksburg region without BPOL Stafford was losing out on millions in additional revenue.
- Increased revenue could be used to broaden the tax-base and allow for a lower property tax rate.
- Will allow the county to register and track businesses.

## **BPOL Debate (Con)**

- Will cost Stafford county our competitive advantage while recruiting businesses.
- It is unfair to tax businesses on their gross receipts.
- No guarantee that increased revenue would be used for property tax relief.
- The argument that businesses were not paying "fair share" was based on a flawed metric which only looked at the real estate tax base.

#### Composition of Tax Base since 2000



Tax Base Percentage									
Year	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012		
Residential	83%	83%	87%	88%	84%	81%	80%		
Commercial	17%	17%	13%	12%	16%	19%	20%		

## Composition of Tax Base

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Real Estate Tax	12,756,237	13,824,938	19,129,612	23,484,976
Local Sales & Use Taxes	10,242,024	9,776,827	9,639,629	10,288,383
Consumer Utility Tax	7,405,930	7,678,116	7,829,187	6,564,255
Business Personal Property	5,321,947	5,396,255	5,998,374	6,294,573
Meals Tax	4,804,578	4,944,214	5,088,892	5,203,051
2% Motor Fuels Taxes	3,819,856	3,917,268	4,600,260	3,587,601
Business Vehicles	2,331,605	2,395,841	2,367,715	2,365,187
Public Service Corps.	1,451,049	1,632,676	1,907,511	2,227,589
Cablevision Franchise Fee	1,032,210	1,513,850	1,096,409	1,239,128
Transient Occupancy Tax - Tourism	860,583	1,085,425	1,231,717	1,149,448
Merchant's Capital	766,909	830,792	809,497	839,726
Bank Stock Taxes	260,620	206,658	193,933	172,035
Utility License Tax	236,991	300,586	572,254	362,467
Transient Occupancy Tax	176,504	0	-	-
Machinery & Tools	97,460	113,751	174,780	238,985
<b>Total Business Revenue</b>	51,564,503	53,617,197	60,639,770	64,017,404
Property Taxes	121,622,651	135,859,852	151,725,707	163,904,669
Transient Occupancy Tax - Tourism	860,583	1,085,425	1,231,717	1,149,448
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Other Local Taxes	31,587,693	28,778,674	28,130,198	26,910,318
Total Local Revenue	158,922,993	170,393,693	186,784,291	196,791,164
Percentage of Local Revenue	32.45%	31.47%	32.47%	32.53%



# Questions